

REMARKS

Claims 1-3 and 5-16 are currently pending in the application. Claims 8-13 have been indicated as allowed in the Advisory Action mailed on February 16, 2005. Applicants hereby cancel all non-allowed claims (claims 1-3, 5-7 and 14-16) to expedite the issuance of the allowed claims.

Cancellation of claims should in no way be construed as an acquiescence to any of the Examiner's rejections. Cancellation of the claims are being made solely to expedite prosecution of the present application and do not, and are not intended to, narrow the claims in anyway. Applicants reserve the option to further prosecute the same or similar claims in the instant or in a subsequent patent application.

CONCLUSION


Based on the above Remarks, it is respectfully submitted that this application is in condition for allowance. If a telephone conversation with Applicant's Attorney would expedite prosecution of the above-identified application, the Examiner is urged to call the undersigned at (617) 832-1294.

Applicants believe that no fees are due other than those submitted herewith in association with this submission. However, if any additional fees are due, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to credit any overpayment or charge any deficiencies to Deposit Account Number 06-1448, Reference HMMV-048.01.

Respectfully submitted,

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